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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-23 and 27-38.

Remarks

After entry of the above amendment, claims 24-26 are now pending in the above-identified patent application.

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